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Important from Florida.

OFFICIAL DISPATCH FROM GENERAL FINNEGAN—BATTLE FOUGHT IN LAKE CITY.

The following official despatch was received at Headquarters this city on Monday evening:

LAKE CITY, February 20, via SAVANNAH, February 8—P. O'Bn. GENERAL SAMUEL COOPER: Gunboats and transports are reported by the pilots to be coming up the Suwannee river, and to be advancing last night. (Signed)

J. FINNEGAN, Brigadier General.

From Richmond.

LATEST FROM THE PENINSULA—TAKEN-BURG—MOVEMENTS OF THE ENEMY—SUSPECT ED, ETC.

RICHMOND, February 6—The latest information received from below states that the Yankees have left Suffolk and are in Norfolk. Whether the movement was probably intended as a reconnaissance, or as the beginning of a new campaign, will continue to an early day. Active movements on the Rapidan will probably be developed in the course of a few days, when the weather and roads become favorable for military operations. The weather is favorable for military movements.

GENERAL BARLOW, of Missouri, died on the 20 instant.

GEN. S. RANSOM, a strong Unionist, succeeds Banks in Louisiana, in the Nineteenth Corps.

COMMERCIAL—DEATH OF GOV. JOHN A. WILCOX.

RICHMOND, February 5—Gen. JOHN A. WILCOX, a member of the House of Representatives from Texas, dropped dead in a railroad car this morning, while on his way to Richmond, from ill health.

No business was transacted to-day in either house of Congress, except the announcement of the death of Gen. WILCOX, and appropriate resolutions. Eulogies were pronounced in the Senate by Mr. WIGFALL, of Texas; Mr. TRESCOTT, of Florida; and Mr. MALLORY, in the House, by Messrs. BOYCE, of South Carolina; CHILTON, of Texas; RAN, of Mississippi; ARRIS and JOHN, of Tennessee.

From East Tennessee.

THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC AT KNOXVILLE—GREAT SUFFERING—THE CAUSE OF THE DISEASE.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., February 3—Reports from Knoxville from various sources represent the disease there as still prevailing and suffering intense, many per, which has become an epidemic, there having been 1,500 cases. Nearly one hundred are also alarming among of soldiers.

The Yankees are supposed to have had nothing to do with introducing the most direct mode of affecting the disease.

Gen. H. L. GRAHAM, of the Kentucky Cavalry, has been appointed a Brigadier-General.

The mail route mains such as as Stansberry Cove, which will be established at Knoxville, twice day.

Gen. Gideon C. H.

ARRIVAL OF MORE PRISONERS.

GALLOP'S ISLAND, February 7—Eighty-six thirty-nine prisoners captured at Hamett's Ford arrived here this morning. Their capture was a most gallant one

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